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THE FRG FONOFF HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA FOR TRANSMISSION
TO THE DEPT.:

1. BEGIN TEXT: THE FOLLOWING NEWS EXCERPTS WERE
PUBLISHED BY TELEVISION, RADIO AND DAILY NEWSPAPER,
"VOICE OF UGANDA": "A SENIOR KENYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
HAS DISCLOSED IN KAMPALA THAT THE UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER ADVISED THE
KENYAN GOVERNMENT DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
KENYAN OFFICIALS TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY SO THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD GIVE FULL
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA."

2. "ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, DR. KISSINGER REVIEWED
THE MILITARY SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA AND SAID THAT
TANZANIA WAS SUPPORTED MILITARILY BY CHINA, SOMALIA
BY SOVIET UNION, BUT UGANDA WAS AN INDEPENDENT NON-
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ALIGNED COUNTRY."

3. "DR. KISSINGER SAID EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PERSUADE UGANDA, THROUGH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF AMERICA HAVE FAILED. SO THE ONLY AITERNATIVE WAS TO DISRUPT THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SO THAT KENYA COULD BE ASSISTED SEPERATELY BY THE UNITED STATES. AND AT THE SAME TIME, OTHER PARTNER STATES IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY UGANDA, COULD ALSO SEEK UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE."

4. "THE KENYAN OFFICIAL SAID DR. KISSINGER AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WERE VERY ANNOYED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT A BLACK MAN'S COUNTRY AND A DEVELOPING ONE LIKE UGANDA WAS COMPLETELY NON-ALIGNED AND YET VERY POWERFUL."

5. "HE SAID IF AMERICA CONTROLLED KENYA MILITARILY, THIS WOULD FORCE HER TO PUT PRESSURE ON UGANDA SO THAT UGANDA MIGHT DROP HER NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES."

6. "THE KENYAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT KENYA WAS AGAINST SOMALIA FOR HAVING THE SOVIET MILITARY BASE AND UGANDA FOR HAVING SUCH WELL ORGANIZED AIR AND GROUND FORCES."

7. "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT AMIN, WHO IS ALSO THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION. SOURCES CLOSE TO HIM HAVE QUOTED HIM AS HAVING SAID THAT IT WAS NOW TIME TO

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THINK ABOUT THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY RATHER THAN
CONSIDERING IT A RUMOR."

8. "THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT
BEFORE HE TAKES DRASTIC ACTION ON THE MATTER, HE WILL
SEEK ADVICE FROM REVOLUTIONARY HEADS OF STATE IN AFRICA
AND ELDERS FROM ALL PROVINCES IN UGANDA. THE SOURCES
SAID THAT HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO TAKE ACTION RIGHT
NOW SINCE HE WAS THE OAU CHAIRMAN, BUT WHEN HE HANDS
OVER HIS OFFICE IN JULY THIS YEAR HE WILL THEN RETURN
TO THE BARRACKS FROM WHERE HE WILL IMPLEMENT ALL
DECISIONS WHICH HE COULD NOT DO DURING HIS TERM OF
OFFICE AS OAU CHAIRMAN."

9. COMMENT: AS CAN BE SEEN FROM ABOVE REPORT,
UGANDAN GOVERNMENT, MOST LIKELY UNDER DIRECTION OF
PRESIDENT AMIN, CONTINUES TO ATTACK SECRETARY
OF STATE PERSONALLY AND AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA.

10. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT NEW ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN
WILL INCREASE OVER THE NEXT DAYS. AMIN SEEMS HURT THAT
SECRETARY OF STATE WHILE VISITING NEIGHBOURING
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COUNTRIES KENYA, TANZANIA AND ZAIRE DID NOT MAKE
CONTACTS TO SEE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU. WHETHER THIS
WILL HAVE FURTHER CONSEQUENCES FOR WESTERN POSITION IN
UGANDA, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CERTAIN
THAT AMIN'S APPROACHES TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH
AMERICA WILL NOT BE CONTINUED FOR SOME TIME. IN THIS
CONNECTION, IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST THAT ON 27.4 AMIN
RECEIVED SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MR. KOMAROV WHO
DELIVERED SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. SOVIETS
MOST LIKELY WILL TRY TO EXPLOIT AN ANTI-AMERICAN
ATTITUDE TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE. ELLERKMANN
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